

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



July 30, 1979

## ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I- 80-79

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: AFDC-BHI FOSTER FAMILY HOME COST-OF-CARE STUDY

## REFERENCE:

The State Department of Social Services will be conducting a Cost-of-Care Study of some 400 foster family homes statewide during August, September, and October 1979. The purpose of the study is to obtain actual costs of care for foster children as reported by foster family parents.

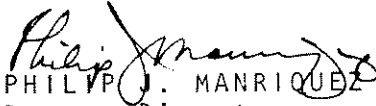
Cost-of-care data will be gathered by the use of a schedule specifically developed for use in the study by the staff of a certified public accounting firm. Certain social characteristics of the child or children placed in each of the randomly selected foster family homes will be collected at the same time. The active cooperation of the California Foster Parents Association, other foster parent organizations, and the respective County Welfare Departments is necessary for gathering reliable data.

Staff from the Program Review Section, Planning and Review Division, SDSS, will be contacting County Welfare Department staff to secure AFDC-BHI payment information and licensing information for foster children and foster family homes appearing in the study sample. SDSS staff will also be contacting foster parents directly to arrange on-site interviews.

Please tell your staff about the study activities that will be taking place in your county during the next several months, and ask that they cooperate fully with State staff during this study.

Questions regarding this study should be directed to Virginia Yagi at (916) 322-1908.

Sincerely,

  
PHILIP J. MANRIQUEZ  
Deputy Director  
GEN 654a (7/78)

cc: CWDA